**San Antonio**, **Texas** – Today, Congressman Charlie Gonzalez congratulated <u>San Antonio</u> Family Endeavors, Inc.

for being awarded a \$998,153 grant to help 1,000 homeless and at-risk veterans and their families. The grants were announced today by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Eric K. Shinseki as part of a nationwide effort to help end veterans homelessness. Congressman Gonzalez issued the following statement regarding the funding:

"Veterans of our nation's armed forces have fought and sacrificed to ensure our American way of life, and no man or woman who has served our country should have to worry about having a place to call home. These funds are critical to providing much needed assistance and guidance to at-risk veterans, and represent the President and his Administration's ongoing commitment to putting an end to this tragic problem. San Antonio Family Endeavors' ability to care for and empower the most vulnerable in our community makes them ideal for this challenging work. It is an honor to represent the people of their organization and the meaningful work they perform for the people of San Antonio and Bexar County."

In 2009, President Obama and Secretary Shinseki announced the federal government's goal to end veteran homelessness by 2015, and these grants are part of the effort to help accomplish that goal. Under the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program, the VA awards funds to community organizations that provide services that promote housing stability among homeless and at-risk veterans and their families.

More information about VA's homeless programs is available on the Internet at <a href="www.va.gov/ho">www.va.gov/ho</a> meless

Details about the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program are online at <a href="https://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp">www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp</a>

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